

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Pastor Jay, from the Reign Church gave the invocation. Mayor Veryl Anderson led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Mike Karnofski, Veryl Anderson, Brian Wood, Jim Hill and Kim Lefebvre, Lisa Alexander and Keenan Harvey.

AGENDA APPROVAL: City Manager Hamilton asked to council to amend the agenda and add an action item. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill. 'Approve the agenda with the addition of Action item, Dutch Brothers contract.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Oath of Office – Promotions - Captain Mark Berglund and Sergeant Brian Rominger:

Chief of Police Richard Fletcher introduced Mark Berglund as the new Police Captain of the City of Kelso. He administered the Oath of Office. Captain Berglund's wife Heather pinned the badge

Chief of Police Richard Fletcher introduced Officer Brian Rominger as the new Police Sergeant of the City of Kelso. He administered the Oath of Office. Sergeant Rominger's wife Shayda pinned the badge.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: One citizen from the audience spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING

Final Hearing of the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget (Continued from December 2, 2024 Special Meeting): Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield briefed the Council on the biennial budget.

At 6:13 p.m., Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no further comment from the public, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Contract Closeout – 582305 – Old Pacific Highway Overlay
- Contract Closeout – 582301 – City Hall HVAC Upgrade

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre. 'Approve the consent agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance (1st Reading) Adopting the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget of the City of Kelso: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Discussion followed Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by councilmember Lefebvre. 'Pass on the first reading, 'AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KELSO FOR THE 2025/2026 FISCAL YEARS. Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Anderson, Harvey, Hill and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Ordinance No. 24-4016 Budget Revision 2 for the 2024 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by councilmember Harvey. 'Pass on the second reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RCW 35A.34.150, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO MEET SUCH EMERGENCIES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2023-2024 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Lease Agreement - Dutch Bros.: City Manager Andrew Hamilton briefed the Council on the agreement. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Authorize the City Manager to enter into the lease agreement with Dutch Bros.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on various meetings he attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided an update of current work being performed by the Public Works Department.

Chief Rich Fletcher: Informed council that the annual Shop with a Cop event will take place December 7, 2024.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: Mentioned he attended the airport board meeting.

Veryl Anderson: Mentioned the annual Tree Lighting event at City Hall will be on December 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Jim Hill: Reported that the Housing Task Force has been formed and the members are, Jim Hill, Veryl Anderson and Lisa Alexander. The first meeting will take place on January 7, 2025.

Keenan Harvey: Reported on various meetings and local events he attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Mike Karnofski: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED MEETING:

After lengthy discussion. At 7:01 PM., Mayor Anderson announced they would recess for an executive session to discuss issues related to RCW 46.30.110.F. The session was estimated to last until 7:11 PM with no action expected to be taken. The City Attorney was present.

At 7:12 PM. the Council reconvened into regular session. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.



MAYOR



Deputy
CITY CLERK